

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/006202, filed June 12, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European application No. 02013645.3 filed June 19, 2002, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to fail-safe interfacing of a network element with a communication network.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added FIELD OF THE INVENTION paragraph, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 4 line 22, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 4 lines 29-33, as follows:

This object is achieved by the claims ~~using a method for the fail-safe interfacing of a network element with a communication network according to the features of Claim 1 and a network element having fail-safe interfacing with a communication network according to the features of Claim 10.~~

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In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 6 line 33, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 7 line 10, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--